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Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program Commission

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Shortlist named for McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant Project

Victoria, BC – Three qualified teams have been shortlisted to participate in the next stage of the competitive selection process to design, build and partially finance the McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant, Victoria Harbour Crossing and Marine Outfall. The McLoughlin Point Project is one of three components of the Capital Regional District's (CRD's) Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program (CAWTP).

Eight teams responded to the CRD's project Request for Qualifications, which closed on May 10, 2013. The Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program Commission is responsible for overseeing the CAWTP procurement process and evaluating the responses received. The Commission selected the following three teams to move forward to the Request for Proposals stage:

- Capital Clear
 - Dragados Canada
 - Knappett Projects Inc.

- Harbour Resource Partners
 - AECOM Canada
 - Graham Infrastructure
 - SUEZ North America (SENA)

- PCL Partnerships
 - PCL Constructors Westcoast Inc.
 - Veolia Water Solutions
 - North America Construction

The Request for Proposals will be issued in July 2013, proposals will be submitted by January 2014 and the Commission expects to select a preferred proponent by spring 2014. Construction of the new McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant Project is anticipated to get underway in summer 2014 with completion in 2018.

"The Commission is looking forward to receiving full proposals from the shortlisted teams," said Brenda Eaton, CAWTP Commission Chair. "The McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant will be the foundation of the core area wastewater treatment system."

The McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant will provide enhanced primary and secondary treatment for the region's wastewater. The facility will be located at McLoughlin Point in Esquimalt, at the site of a former oil tank farm. Conveyance system upgrades (e.g. pipes and pump stations), will link the facility to a new marine outfall at McLoughlin Point and a Biosolids Energy Centre.

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The new facility will be designed to include innovative wastewater treatment options, including heat recovery for the plant and administrative buildings. The administrative buildings will also be built to LEED Gold standard. Design and architectural guidelines will be incorporated into the RFP following input from the municipalities of Esquimalt and Victoria.

The total capital cost of the CAWTP is estimated to be \$782.7 million, with the McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant Project estimated at over one third of the total budget. The CAWTP is jointly funded by federal, provincial governments and the CRD. The total proposed federal contribution will be up to \$253.4 million, the total provincial contribution is a maximum of \$248 million and the CRD will provide the balance, estimated at close to \$281.3 million.

Once completed, the CAWTP will significantly improve the level of wastewater treatment, as well as reduce the volume and incidents of untreated wastewater discharge as a result of sewer overflows. The new facilities will be designed to satisfy British Columbia's *Wastewater Regulation* and the proposed federal *Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations*.

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